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FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

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 AN ORIGINAL, FIRST AND JOINT INVENTOR (if more than one name is listed below) OF THE SUBJECT
 MATTER WHICH IS CLAIMED AND FOR WHICH A PATENT IS SOUGHT ON THE INVENTION
 ENTITLED: A method of producing an absorbent material, an
absorbent material and absorbent articles including the material
in question.
 the specification of which:

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